



## HAWAII STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

### News Release

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### **DEDICATION OF STUDENT ART AND SPECIAL EXHIBITION AT HAWAII CONVENTION CENTER ON APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>**

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts will host an art dedication at the Hawaii Convention Center on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. The event showcases the 2004 Student Art Exhibition, created by 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students statewide, and *New Heights: Artworks from Open Juried Exhibitions*, a special exhibition of artwork from the State Art Collection. The dedication honors the artists and their artworks. Students from Kahuku High School's award-winning choral group *Vocal Motion* will perform. The public is invited to attend this free event.

The 2004 Student Art Exhibition is a program established by the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to recognize and display student artwork. The program is funded through the Works of Art Special Fund and provides opportunities for students to participate in a juried art competition and have their artworks exhibited at the Hawaii Convention Center. The exhibition is organized much like the prestigious *Artists of Hawaii* annual exhibition hosted by the Honolulu Academy of Arts.

Permanent display facilities were designed and constructed for the Pa Kamali'i Courtyard and a competitive annual exhibition was developed by the HSFCA in cooperation with the Department of Education, Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, and Honolulu Academy of Arts.

All public and private school students in 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades were encouraged to participate in the 2004 Student Art Exhibition. The theme, *My Island and Me*, inspired students to express how they feel about, look at, or interpret their island home. Each school was allowed to enter up

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to 10 works for judging at the district level. A distinguished team of three judges visited each school district to review and select works for further consideration. The works were shipped to the Honolulu Academy of Arts where the judges conducted their final review and selected 96 works for the exhibition.

The 2004 Student Art Exhibition will enable visitors to experience the common interests and diversity of Hawai'i through the art of its multicultural youth. The public is welcome to see the artwork, which will be on display for one year. Free docent-guided tours are available at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays for groups of 10 or more. Tours are conducted by appointment only. To make reservations call the tour hotline at 943-3587. Artworks by K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade school students will be featured in the year 2005.

The ceremony will also feature the dedication of *New Heights: Artworks from Open Juried Exhibitions* in the permanent display cases located on the third floor of the Hawai'i Convention Center. This exhibition features artwork acquired during the last several years by the Art in Public Places Program of the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

The artists who are featured in the "New Heights" exhibition are Hilario Aquilizan, Lynette Arawaka, Phyl Barr, Gerald Ben, Reiko M. Brandon, Archie Brennan, Marcus Castaing, Charles Cohan, Christina Cowan, Dorothy Faison, Carl Fieber, K. C. Grennan, Daven Hee, Linda Iwamoto, Emma Luna, Pat Masumoto, Robert Miller, Yukio Ozaki, Fred Roster, Stuart Sharp, Frank Sheriff, Paul Soldner, Robert Sunday, George Timock, and Russell E. Wee.

During any given period, there are several community-based and statewide art competitions that are organized to provide opportunities for artists to share their most recent work with the public. Created by some of Hawai'i's most active and accomplished artists, the works in *New Heights* were carefully selected by qualified experts in the visual arts field for the State of Hawai'i's Art in Public Places Collection.

Open juried exhibitions provide wonderful opportunities for artists to present their most recent work and to make it available for purchase. These shows allow for wide participation by larger cross-sections of the visual arts community and in this way challenge artists to reach new heights in creative expression. Jurors involved with these exhibitions and who make final selections for inclusion may be artists or professionals who live in the Hawaiian Islands or who come from the US mainland to offer an "outsider" view.

Check the listings for open juried exhibitions that happen throughout the year in the State of Hawai'i. Visit these shows, view the artwork, and consider acquiring an original work of art for your own personal collection. In this way you too can encourage our artistic community to reach *New Heights!*

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**The Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts** was established by the Hawai'i State Legislature in 1965 as the official arts agency of the State of Hawai'i. The concept of setting aside one percent of construction appropriations to provide a funding base for the acquisition of works of art set a national standard in 1967 when Hawai'i became the first state in the nation to pass such legislation. The 1989 revision of the law created the Works of Art Special Fund, a non-lapsing account into which all funds set aside for works of art are deposited and from which expenditures for purposes consistent with Section 103-8.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, are made.

**The Art in Public Places Program** objectives are to enhance the environmental quality of public buildings and spaces throughout the state for the enjoyment and enrichment of the public; to cultivate the public's awareness of visual arts in all media, styles, and techniques; to contribute to the development and recognition of a professional artistic community; and to acquire, interpret, preserve, and display works of art expressive of the Hawaiian islands, the multicultural heritages of its people, and the creative interests of artists.

For information on the Art in Public Places Program, contact Jon Johnson at 586-0304. For information on the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; the Hawai'i State Art Museum; HSFCA grants, programs, and services; Hawai'i arts and culture events; and USA and worldwide arts opportunities, visit the HSFCA website, [www.hawaii.gov/sfca](http://www.hawaii.gov/sfca).

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